

NEWS BRIEFS

Logistics closed

The logistics division is closed from noon to 4:15 p.m. today for an official function. The customer service area will remain open.

'80s night

The Landing Lounge in the Columbus Club offers an '80s night from 6 to 10 p.m. today. Disc jockey Kool Kleve provides the sounds from the '80s. Guests are encouraged to wear '80s style clothing. Call Ext. 2489.

Night flying week

Night flying week is until 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday. The week instructs student pilots on night-flying procedures. Call Ext. 2770.

Single parents meeting

The monthly single parents meeting is at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Happy Lounge at the Columbus Club. A guest speaker will inform participants on financial investments. Call Lee Chouinard at Ext. 2790.

Poster contest

A Hispanic Heritage Month poster contest is at 4 p.m. Oct. 15 at the exchange. The contest is open to two age groups: 2 to 9 and 10 to 16. The poster must embody this year's theme, "Strength in Unity, Faith and Diversity." Call Ext. 3561.

Official photos

Official photos of people in the Columbus AFB and Air Force chains of command are available at the public affairs office on the second floor of the wing headquarters building. Call Ext. 7068.

Mission Report

As of Wednesday

T-1A	T-37
Goal: 250.0 hrs.	Goal: 307
Flown: 223.5 hrs.	Flown: 325
T-38A	T-38C
Goal: 164	Goal: 9
Flown: 147	Flown: 10



2nd Lt. Daniela Martian, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-11, buckles in before a T-37 solo mission.

Wing closes out 2002 flying hours

Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Public affairs

The 14th Operations Group closed out their fiscal 2002 flying hours Friday.

The goal every year is to provide the right amount of sorties and hours to train students and keep instructors current, said Col. Mike Holmes, 14th OG commander.

"We planned to fly the assigned hours down to the minute," he said. "We flew the exact number of T-38A and T-1 sorties and hours that we had planned. We flew a few extra T-38C sorties, however, because we

are still learning what the sortie and hour requirements will be for our 'new' T-38C. Due to an administrative error, we also flew one extra T-37 sortie and 1.5 extra hours."

This year's numbers were: T-1A: sorties, 13,350, hours, 29,370; T-37: sorties, 36,290, hours, 46,450.5; T-38A: sorties, 18,919, hours, 21,946; and T-38C: sorties, 204, hours, 220.

"This goal was accomplished by great teamwork across the BLAZE Team — DynCorp provided great aircraft, the OG flew the sorties and provided the required

air traffic control, life support, operations and airfield management, and the [14th] Mission Support Group provided the logistics and other support we needed," Holmes said. "It was a total team effort that everybody at Columbus [AFB] should be proud of."

"I'd like to thank everyone who pulled together to help the ops group meet its goal," said Col. Mike Parsons, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander. "This shows that teamwork and dedication are really what's at the heart of Columbus' mission."

Columbus AFB zeroes out '02 budget

Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser
Public affairs

The 14th Flying Training Wing closed out the 2002 fiscal year budget at 2:35 a.m. Tuesday.

"A fantastic effort by the wing closed out the fiscal year successfully," said Col. Mike Parsons, 14th Flying Training Wing vice commander. "Kudos to the 14th Comptroller Flight and 14th Contracting Squadron who stayed until the wee hours Monday to ensure the job was done."

"Closeout is an overall team effort, crosscutting every resource advisor, cost center manager and organization in the wing; the team came up big," said Maj. Chuck Shea, 14th CPTF commander.

"I've been in the budget office for 20 years and this was the most financially rewarding closeout I've seen," said Kaye Lee, 14th CPTF. "We executed about \$11 million in September alone."

"The end of the fiscal year at the 14th FTW was a huge success," said Maj. Cameron Holt, 14th CONS commander. "The men and women of the 14th CONS were ready and it paid big dividends for the wing. They were directly responsible for securing approximately \$8.9 million in contract awards for the BLAZE Team, and indirectly influenced another \$1.7 million in assorted contract actions and Government Purchase Card transactions."

Holt gave some examples of the wing's team effort to ensure important projects were funded.

Retirees invited to day at CAFB

2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore
Public affairs

Columbus AFB hosts its annual Retiree Appreciation Day from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Columbus Club.

Local military members from all service branches and their families are invited to attend the event designed to provide information on policies and available benefits.

"The purpose of this event is to keep the retiree community up to date on their entitlements and to let them know we're still proud of the contributions they've made and continue to make to our community," said Bill Maddox, Columbus AFB director of retiree affairs.

The morning begins with registration and a free continental breakfast including fruit, pastries, coffee and juice. During this time, attendees may purchase \$8 tickets for the barbecue buffet lunch at noon.

From 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., buses will shuttle retirees to the health and wellness center and the dental clinic for free cancer, blood pressure and diabetes screenings. Only retirees themselves are eligi-

ble for the screenings, however, family members may attend the sessions.

An alternating bus route will also provide tours of new base housing facilities in State Village. The tour will include a brief walk-through of a new home.

An additional bus route will transport guests to the personnel building where office staff will be available to issue replacement identification cards and update vehicle registration records.

Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, will address guests at 11:30 a.m. immediately followed by the lunch buffet.

Throughout the day, visitors may also visit various agency booths set up at the Columbus Club such as TRICARE, the City of Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Columbus AFB Services, and the family support center for question-and-answer sessions.

In honor of Retiree Appreciation Day, the Exchange and commissary offer a number of shop-per specials.

To register in advance or learn more about the event, call 2nd Lt. Melanie Shingledecker, project officer, at Ext. 2596.

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The efforts of Staff Sgt. Robert Watts, 14th CONS, and Kevin Morgan, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, paid off big, Holt said. Without them the \$4.2 million paving project for runway 13R/31L would have fallen through. Val Fox, 14th CONS, pre-negotiated a \$900,000 project to complete the construction of the perimeter fence. When the money came late, the contract was awarded in minutes.

He also pointed out how Deanna Cox, 14th CONS, Rita Williams, 14th Mission Support Group resource advisor, and Donnie Richardson, 14th

Services Division, led an effort to spend every nickel of \$375,400 that Headquarters Air Education and Training Command unexpectedly dropped just days before Monday for services division purchases so far down on the priority list no one ever thought they would get funded.

"I have never seen a more mission-oriented group of contracting professionals, and I have never seen greater cooperation with other base organizations," Holt said. "I stood by and watched while every curve ball thrown was knocked out of the park by the BLAZE Team's business leaders."



Val Fox and Rose Dejapa, 14th Contracting Squadron, review contracts for the fiscal 2002 budget closeout.



Service dress nametag added

WASHINGTON — The Air Force's service dress uniform welcomed back an old friend Tuesday: the nametag.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper and other senior leaders selected a new nametag for the uniform at the 2002 Corona Top conference in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The new service dress nametag has a brushed satin finish and blue letters.

It is slightly larger and heavier than the blue plastic nametag worn on the blue shirt and medical white uniform. It will only feature the wearer's last name and will only be worn on the service dress, on the right side parallel to the ribbons and medals.

Air Force officials decided last year that a nametag was needed on the service dress uniform. Several proposals were reviewed and feedback was gathered from across the Air Force during several wear-tests.

The new nametags will be available in Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing sales stores at a future date when stocks become available. *(Courtesy of AF News)*

100-percent tuition available

WASHINGTON — Air Force people can now take advantage of a new Department of Defense tuition assistance policy that pays 100 percent of the cost of tuition for off-duty courses, according to Air Force education officials.

"The policy pays tuition costs and mandatory fees for up to a maximum of \$250 per semester hour, or \$750 per three-hour course," said Jim Sweizer, chief of the Air Force voluntary education branch at the Pentagon.

The policy also includes a \$4,500-per-year tuition assistance ceiling.

"In the past, we only paid instructional fees, such as a lab fee for science courses," Sweizer said. "Under the new policy, as long as the total cost falls under the authorized total, the student doesn't have to pay any money out of [his or her] pocket."

Tuition assistance still cannot be used to pay for textbooks unless they are included in an academic institution's published tuition rates, he said.


Sweizer is concerned that with 100-percent tuition assistance available to airmen, some people may opt to waive contributing to the Montgomery GI Bill. He encourages airmen to take advantage of the GI Bill's benefits.

"Not everyone will be able to complete his or her education while on active duty," he said. "Having the MGIB as an alternative for later use is a wise investment."

For more information, call the education center at Ext. 2563. *(Courtesy of AF News)*

Servicemen, women can follow ‘leadership formula’

Lt. Col. Mike Hass
14th Civil Engineer Squadron



You know leadership is a mysterious thing — some folks say leaders are born, others say leaders are made.

Varied literature makes a whole lot of hubbub about leadership traits, but I’m here to tell you that leadership’s a formula.

It’s true, leadership is one part vision, two parts resources, add in a goal, one part inspiration, one part determination and an abundance of trust. Let me recount a simple but interesting story to illustrate my hypothesis.

Two years ago while on the civil engineer staff at Air Education and Training Command, I volunteered to present a topic for discussion at our monthly Professional Military Development session.

My topic was leadership.

Col. (now Brig. Gen.) David Cannan, the AETC Civil Engineer, was a fervent believer in keeping his military staff, officer and enlisted, current on matters of professional military education and military issues. In fact, a couple of months earlier, I had briefed the PMD group on my deployment to Albania and the construction of refugee camps during the Kosovo campaign. That’s another story though.

On this occasion I would delve into the quandary known as “leadership.” I went through my War College material, and even got online and searched the most current writings on leadership. I pulled together the mandatory Power Point slides with the snippets of what I felt I could impart to my staff brethren on the issue. Then I thought, how could I illustrate my point? Death by Power Point was the tried and true method of delivery, but an example would really impart my message. I scratched my head for a little bit, then it hit me. I’ll explain.

This particular PMD was scheduled in late October,

very near Halloween. So I thought, why not a celebration for PMD? Now, here’s the trick, make it happen before their eyes. With very little planning and informing no one, I purchased tablecloths, napkins, plates and cups supporting the Halloween theme, as well as cookies, candy, cupcakes and a few decorative table ornaments and stuffed them into a large brown paper shopping bag. I was ready for my leadership experiment.

The PMD session began at 2:30 p.m. Cannan sat at the head of the conference room table and all the staff crowded in around the table and filled the chairs around the room. I walked in, placed my bag in the middle of the table, and announced to a dutiful lieutenant and the captain exec that they were to enlist whatever help they may need, but that in seven minutes, the room was to be decorated in a festive manner appropriate for the season; at which point I would return with the drinks, and I walked out.

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STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB a better place. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names will be kept confidential. Messages may be answered in the Silver Wings without names. Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.



Col. Steve Schmidt
14th Flying Training Wing commander

Theater sound system upgraded

Issue: Something needs to be done about the sound system at the theater. During the past few weeks we have gone to the movies, the sound system was garbled, wavering and sounded like the actors were trying to talk under water. We couldn’t understand what was said. The background sounds just don’t sound right. I asked the theater staff about it and they said there had been many complaints about the system, and upon checking it out, it was found to be worn out. So, I then asked about getting a new sound system and was told there was a surround sound system in place, only it was illegal to use it. I invite you to attend a movie at the base theater and listen to the sound system. A response would be nice.

Response: Thanks for your comments on the sound quality at the base theater. The other sound system you mentioned belongs to the communications squadron and it can only be used for official functions.

In any case, the upgraded system should now be as good as any you’ll find in commercial theaters. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service General Manager, Steve Pena, wants to improve all your exchange facilities, so please let him know what you need. Feel free to contact him at the main store or at 434-6013.

Thanks for calling and for making Columbus AFB a better place.

Col. Steve Schmidt

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Officer takes Hispanic descent to heart

2nd Lt. Ariol Paz
14th Comptroller Flight



The Hispanic Heritage Month gives us an opportunity to observe, appreciate and celebrate the riches of the Hispanic culture.

Today, more than 35 million people of Hispanic descent live in the United States.

The three largest Hispanic groups living in the United States are Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans and Cuban Americans. As a group, Hispanic Americans represent a mixture of various countries from Latin America and several ethnic backgrounds including European, American Indian and African.

Living in the United States has given me the opportunity to meet Hispanics from every Spanish-speaking country. In fact, my beautiful wife and her family are from Ecuador, a South American country.

There is a slight difference in slang between Latin American countries; however, peoples’ characteristics and traditions are almost the same. For example, we share the same values of strong spiritual belief and strong family ties.

Another characteristic Hispanics have in common is our passion for food, music and dancing. If you go to a Hispanic party, do not think for a second that you are going to be sitting down for more than five minutes because as soon as the music is on, everybody is on the dance floor. You may remain sitting at a Hispanic party, but only if you are doing one of the following: eating, singing, telling jokes or playing dominoes. Hispanics also have in common the characteristics of hard-working, friendly and hospitable people who are always seeking a better tomorrow.

Indeed, Hispanics migrate to the United States in search of a better tomorrow. They come for better education and job opportunities, better living conditions and, in many cases, in search of freedom and democracy.

For my family, the search for freedom was the main reason we came to the United States. I was born and raised in Havana, Cuba. My family and I experienced what it’s like to live without freedom of speech or religion, and what it’s like

to have your everyday life controlled by an inhumane regime. While in Cuba, my family suffered many years of injustices all because of our belief in God, freedom and democracy. Fortunately, we were able to come to America and find the freedom that we always dreamed of.


The first few years in America were especially tough for my family because we did not speak English. However, we were able to adapt and meet the challenges of beginning new lives while preserving our traditions and cultural values.

Hispanics are proud people of their roots and culture. However, Hispanics from every Latin American country have fallen in love with the United States of America and built an unbreakable relationship with this great nation. So much has their love grown for this nation, that today more than 200,000 Hispanics serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, willing to make the ultimate sacrifice if necessary to preserve the freedom of this country that we now call home. Through some research, I have found many historical facts about great contributions Hispanics have made to the U.S. throughout its history. Hispanics have distinguished themselves through many contributions in the fields of science, business and more.

I could mention many names and events, but I would need a whole newspaper’s publication just to begin. However, I must say that out of the Hispanics’ contributions made to the United States, the ones that inspire me the most are those made in the battlefield. A good place to visit and learn about Hispanics and their contributions is the Defense Link site at www.defenselink.mil. There you may find some interesting facts. There are currently 12 general officers of Hispanic decent serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, the first full-fledged admiral in the Navy was of Hispanic descent, and 39 Hispanics have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, among many other amazing facts.

Many of us came to United States in search of freedom and in search of the American dream. Most of us retain our cultural values and traditions, but we also fell in love with this blessed country, and we became Americans. Today, Hispanics are part of the American dream and we work hard to keep the dream alive. Many of us are willing to give our lives defending this nation, its constitution and the American dream. Today more than ever, I am a proud to be Hispanic and I am proud that in my heart beats the heart of an American soldier.

Hispanic Heritage Spotlight



Airman 1st Class Christopher McClendon
14th Mission Support Squadron

Hometown: Greenwood, Ind.

What does this month mean to you?: This month reminds me of the years before I joined the Air Force, because I was very family oriented. I get that same feeling with you all as my new family here at Columbus, not just in this month but all the time. Thank you all!

Did you know?

John Montijo, an ex-Army flight instructor of Hispanic descent, became Amelia Earhart’s flying instructor when Earhart’s mentor (Anita “Neta” Snook) retired. Montijo is credited with teaching Earhart to fly solo.

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At that point, I swallowed hard and made my way upstairs to the refrigerator and the punch and sodas I would bring back down to the room. I had no clue if this thing was going to work; three minutes had ticked off the clock, leaving four to go. My apprehension began to build. I ticked off the necessary bits in my head. Vision: a festive room; resources: bag full of goodies; inspiration: one captain and one lieutenant who were eager to please; a goal: seven minutes; determination: the feeling of working under the clock to accomplish a mission; and finally, trust: I left the room all to them. The ingredients

were all there; still it could flop — really bad. I had visions of Cannan saying, “So what’s that bag-o-stuff got to do with leadership, Hass?” and “What’s the idea about walking out of the room?”

Seven minutes was nearly up, so I made my way back downstairs to the conference room.

My heart sank as I approached the door and heard no noise, not a peep. No one was talking or moving about, just silence. At that point, I decided to wait another thirty seconds, maybe they’d need more time. Then I figured, you reap what you sow, so I walked through the door dragging the punch and sodas low

in my arms, disparaged over what I might find. I almost dropped the lot on the floor as the door opened and revealed the results of my experiment. I could not believe the transformation the staff had made. The conference room table was covered in a bright orange tablecloth. Napkins and plates were arranged in orderly tiers at the corners of the table, with the cups stacked neatly behind them. In the middle of the table, the crepe paper cat and witch offset the goodies, ready to serve, and a smiling jack-o-lantern beamed at me from the head of the table.

Setting the drinks upon the table, I

encouraged all to partake. The formula worked. The work was accomplished by others leading to the satisfaction of an established objective. I praised the lieutenant and captain for their work and we pressed on under Cannan’s tutelage to discuss my experiment in leadership formulation.

In my opinion, leaders formulate their way to success — people with drive and determination assemble the elements necessary to execute their jobs. Try it for yourself; experiment, give your folks a vision, provide them the resources, set a goal, assign to your motivated subordinates and trust. You’ll be amazed.

Rain, sleet, snow — fuel flight fills ‘em up

2nd. Lt. Joseph Coslett
Public affairs

In the black of night, hours before the first crews step to their jet, the Columbus AFB Fuel Flight begins its day ensuring the aircraft are fully fueled and ready to go.

“If we don’t put fuel in the aircraft they don’t fly,” said Eddie Romans, fuels dayshift leadman.

Starting at 4 a.m., fuel control receives a daily flying schedule. They dispatch a fuel truck inspector to check all the trucks needed to support the mission.

Simultaneously, fuels’ lab technicians take random samples from different trucks and fuel sources and test the fuel to check the quality. Additionally fuel samples are sent to Holloman AFB, N.M., for further testing.

“We make sure we always supply clean fuel,” said Steve Hampton, fuels project manager.

Once the trucks are ready to pump gas, they are positioned strategically on the flight line in order to reduce response time, ensuring on-time takeoffs.

“We have three response times — eight minutes for T-37s and T-38s; 12 minutes for T-1s; and 15 minutes for transient or off-station aircraft,” Hampton explained. “However, we respond within three to four minutes because of pre-positioned trucks.”

The fuel controllers also make the reaction time possible.

The controllers are the backbone of fuel operations, Hampton said. They act as an information hub to ensure the shop has adequate people and equipment ready to support Columbus AFB’s mission and beyond.

“I make sure the trucks are where they need to be, when they need to be there,” said Dorthia Robertson, fuels controller.

Servicing 300 to 400 aircraft daily, the fuel trucks continuously run empty. During this time, the trucks



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Ruby Lowe, fuels servicer, and Michael Fletcher, flightline maintainer, work together to refuel a T-38 Talon.

refuel themselves at the fuel pump house located along the flight line.

“The pump house acts as an enormous gas station, we use to refuel trucks and large aircraft,” Hampton said.

More than 100,000 gallons of fuel are pumped from the pump house to meet daily Columbus AFB requirements. But, the gas is also fed through underground fuel lines to refuel larger aircraft ranging from a C-5 Galaxy to a B-1 Lancer.

After all of the engines wind down and the high-

pitched noise of the Tweets subsides, the fuel folks continue well into the night, topping off all of the trucks and getting the next day’s flying schedule.

“There has not been a lost sortie because of fuels for years,” Hampton said.

Hampton sums up his faith in his workers.

“We have more than 300 years of experience,” he said. I’ll put my guys up against any military fuel operation of the Air Force or any other branch of service.”

Loss turns fireman into renter’s insurance advocate

Chris Zdrakas
Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

An off-duty firefighter driving on base at Robins AFB, Ga., waved casually as a Robins fire truck passed by. Within minutes, he learned that the truck was headed for his house.

Airman 1st Class Michael Lecik would soon learn that he and his wife, Tiffany, had lost all but their kitchen table in a fire that happened before he got around to purchasing renter’s insurance.

The loss totaled \$31,700, including most of the couple’s furniture, a new camcorder, a laptop, the couple’s wedding album and other family photos.

Two kittens born just eight weeks before were at home and perished in the fire.

“Unfortunately, we don’t have that

magic crystal ball to look into, so you just never know what can happen,” said Master Sgt. Bruce Freed, 14th Medical Group first sergeant. “With renter’s insurance, the peace of mind you get far exceeds the cost.”

Assistant Fire Chief Tom Kennedy said the probable cause of the fire was an extension cord connected to computer components.

On the day of the fire, Lecik was in his car when his fire department pager went off. The number belonged to Deputy Fire Chief Senior Master Sgt. Forest Johnson.

Lecik used his cell phone to answer the page.

“You need to come by your house,” Johnson said. “We had a fire.”

Lecik headed home and since he did

not see any smoke, he figured it was just a grass or dumpster fire.

“Then I turned the corner and saw the five-inch hose attached to the fire hydrant,” Lecik said.

He watched, a sinking feeling washing over him, as a soot-covered fireman came out the front door. “I knew that it had to be a pretty serious fire.”

Thoughts of his wife, their unborn child and the kittens rushed into his mind. Two weeks before, the couple learned their first child was on the way.

A fellow fireman met Lecik at the door and warned him not to go in without a mask. Chemicals in the laundry room had ignited, filling the home with fumes. He donned a mask and went in, shocked at the smoke and water damage that greeted him. Lecik knew it was time to tell his wife.

A friend drove Lecik to his wife’s place of business. He did not want to break the news on the phone. Instead, he took her to lunch and explained what had happened.

“She went to pieces,” he said. “The first thing she asked was ‘Where are my cats?’”

The next few days were filled with change. The couple checked into the base’s temporary lodging facility. After a week, she went back to Richmond, Va., where they had lived before her husband enlisted.

She plans to stay there until the couple is re-established in the next few months. Lecik is living in the base dorm.

“We probably will get another house, either on or off base,” Lecik said. “Then we will kind of rebuild, piece by piece.

“My advice to others is simple: Don’t put off getting renter’s insurance — no matter what.”

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule
Catholic

Sunday activities:

9:15 a.m. — Mass

10:30 a.m. — CCD

5 p.m. — Confessions

5:30 p.m. — Mass

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant

Sunday activities:

9 a.m. — Sunday school

10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship

1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study supper

7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal

Thursdays

11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the base theater.

Today

“Signs” (PG-13, some frightening moments, 107 min.)

Starring Mel Gibson.

Saturday

“XXX” (PG-13, violence, non-stop action sequences, sensuality, drug content and language, 133 min.)

Starring Vin Diesel.

Oct. 11

“Fear Dot Com” (R, violence including grisly images of torture, nudity and language, 98 min.)

Starring Stephen Dorff.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.

Call 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett for more information at Ext. 7065.

Weekdays

9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.

Air Force Television News

Monday through Oct. 11

9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

College Level Examination

Program:

No CLEP tape this week

FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor’s note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Bundles of Joy: The program begins at 2 p.m. Monday.

Active-duty people or spouses of active-duty people who are expecting a baby are eligible for this free program with information and gifts for their child.

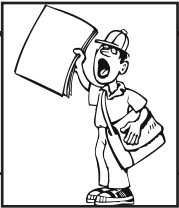
Parenting for Prevention series: A six-part video series is from 11 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 24 and 29 to help increase communication skills between the parent and child.

Topics include: setting limits, enforcing consequences, confront when they are wrong, encourage when they are right, how to teach children to handle anger without violence and teach kids to resolve conflicts without violence.

Call Lee Chouinard for specific dates and times.

New Air Force spouses: The Heart Link program is for people who have been an Air Force Spouse for less than five years and begins in November. This program is designed to help the spouse adjust to the military way of life.

BASE NOTES



ESC Social: The Enlisted Spouses’ Club has its “Costumes and Treats” October social at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the community center.

The evening includes bobbing for apples and a costume contest. Lee Chouinard, family support center, is the guest speaker.

New members are welcome to attend. For more information call 434-5643.

Fire hydrants: The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron is flow testing and flushing fire hydrants base-wide Oct. 21.

The squadron asks people on base to run water after the testing is complete to make sure it is clear with no discol-



Melanie Brown

America the Beautiful wall

Chaplain (Capt.) Bruce Kite, senior Protestant chaplain, and Mary Shea, project leader, discuss the layout of the America the Beautiful Wall for the chapel. The chapel needs volunteers to help with this patriotic project, and the kick off meeting is at 6 p.m. Thursday at the chapel annex. For more information or to volunteer, call Ext. 2500.

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Spouse aircraft briefing: The briefing is at 7 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Phillips Auditorium.

This briefing is for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training spouses to learn about what the year will bring for their spouse as they begin training. For more information, call Ext. 7158.

AROUND TOWN



Discover Columbus: Downtown Columbus celebrates Columbus Day Saturday. Main Street is open to people for events like sidewalk sales, art contests, cake cutting and more. See Pages 8 and 9 for more information. Then stroll down and attend the Muddy River Music Festival.

Muddy River Music Festival: The annual festival, featuring food and music, is from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Riverside Park, near Harvey’s in downtown Columbus.

In a show of military appreciation, military identification card holders are admitted for free. Everyone else can attend for \$5.

For more information, call the Columbus Arts Council at 328-2787.

Parent workshops: The Columbus Municipal School District sponsors parent/community workshops for parents who have children in Columbus schools.

The parents of kindergartners and fourth graders should attend from 6 to 7 p.m. Monday at Fairview Elementary School.

The parents of fifth through eighth graders should attend from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Hunt Intermediate School.

The parents of ninth through twelfth graders should attend from 6 to 7 p.m. at Columbus High School.

Book sale: Friends of the Library have a book sale at Leigh Mall from 3 to 9 p.m. Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 11 and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 12. All proceeds benefit the Columbus-Lowndes Public Library System.

For more information or to volunteer, call 329-5300.

Flea market: Tupelo’s Gigantic Flea Market and Craft Show is Oct. 11, 12 and 13 at the Tupelo Furniture Market. For more information, call (662) 842-4442.

Festival of Arts: The Cotton Exchange Festival of arts is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 12 in Aberdeen, Miss.

The day is full of arts and crafts, music and activities for all ages.

Area artists demonstrate skills in ceramics, model air planes and oil and watercolor paintings.

For more information call (662) 369-9440 or (800) 634-3538.

Services: Check out what we have to offer

- ✓ **Preteen and teen competitions:** The youth center offers a preteen pool tournament at 6 p.m. for ages 9 to 12 and a teen table tennis tournament at 8 p.m. today. Registration starts one hour prior to each tournament. Tournament winners receive a prize. Call Ext. 2504
- ✓ **Enlisted lounge entertainment:** Disc jockey Maze entertains from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today. The lounge is also open Thursdays from 4:30 to 10 p.m.
- ✓ **Tuesday night buffet:** The Columbus Club’s Tuesday night buffet features a fried seafood platter or prime rib for \$12.95 per person. Dinner is served from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Club members receive a \$2 discount through the “Members First” program. Call Ext. 2489.
- ✓ **Sunday brunch:** The Columbus Club offers a brunch from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 13. Cost is \$12.95 per person. Club members receive a \$2 discount through the “Members First” program. Call Ext. 2489.
- ✓ **Trip to State Fair:** The youth center offers a trip to the State Fair in Jackson, Miss., Oct. 12. The van leaves at 7 a.m. and returns around 5 p.m. Cost is \$3 for transportation and individuals are required to pay all other costs as you go. Must have at least eight people registered by Wednesday to offer. Call Ext. 2504.
- ✓ **Lights on after school:** The youth center opens from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday for an open house to show parents how the after-school program runs. Refreshments are available. Call Ext. 2504.
- ✓ **Youth center members appreciation night:** The youth center members are invited to an appreciation night from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 18. There are refreshments and activities for all. Be sure to bring the membership card. Call Ext. 2504.
- ✓ **Teen read week:** The library invites all teens to register between Oct. 13 to 17 for the teen read-in Oct. 18. Reading is from 6 to 8 p.m. and pizza

- is served at 8 p.m. Call Ext. 2934.
- ✓ **Squadron pumpkin carving contest:** The library hosts this annual contest with judging Oct. 30. Registration starts Oct. 23 at the library. Pumpkins can be picked up between Oct. 28 and 29. Call Ext. 2934.
- ✓ **YES Program:** Dependents of active duty military who are freshmen or above and plan to attend college within one year after their high school graduation may participate in the Youth Employment Skills program. Participants may be employed at various locations around base, and earn \$4 per hour which will be held in an account until they enter college. Participants must enter college one year after graduation. Call Ext. 2504.
- ✓ **Base photography contest:** The skills development center hosts this year’s base photography contest with entries due Oct. 14. Photographs will be judged in two groups adult and youth (ages 17 and younger). Entry categories include military life, nature/scenic, people, creative effects and computer imaging and enhancement.
- Media categories are monochrome prints, color prints and color transparencies. Entries must be 8 inches by 10 inches and dry mounted and must have been taken within the last two years. Call Ext. 7836.
- ✓ **Volunteers needed:** The youth center looks for regular volunteers to help out with homework, arts and crafts, cultural activities, sports programs and teen activities. Volunteering starts after school around 3 p.m. To volunteer, call Ext. 2504.
- ✓ **Electrified membership drive:** Win the newest electronics by joining becoming a services member. Prizes include a 32” Plasma TV with Home Entertainment Systems, a 15” flat screen TV with speaker system, portable DVD player, MP3 player and more. Pick up an application at any services facility and register by Dec. 20. Current members are already entered to win. Call Ext. 2489.
- ✓ **Preschool story time:** The library’s preschool story time is at 10 a.m. Wednesdays. This 30-minute program is open to children ages 3 to 5. Call Ext. 2934.

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet
Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cost: \$7.95
Members receive a \$2 discount
Price includes vegetable of the day, salad and tea

<i>Today</i> Fried Catfish Cube Steak Cherry Cobbler	<i>Monday</i> Fried Chicken Baked Ham Peach Cobbler	<i>Tuesday</i> Cube Steak Beef Stir-Fry Banana Pudding	<i>Wednesday</i> Pulled Pork Ribs Apple Cobbler	<i>Thursday</i> Chicken Pot Pie Lasagna Apple Crispitos
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Worldwide Family Talent Contest
Deadline to register is Oct. 12
Contest is at youth center
Showtime is 3 p.m. Nov. 2

Contest categories are:
Parent and youth team; Children (ages 3 to 8); Preteen (ages 9 to 12); Teen (ages 13 to 18); Husband and wife; Family

Winners videotaped performance will be forwarded for the
Air Force level of competition

For more information, call the youth center at 434-2504



Pam Wickham

Big bucks bingo!
Darryl Nelson, bingo caller, shows bingo players the next number during the all-ranks bingo program Friday nights at the community center. The bingo program will increase their progressive jackpot to \$1,000 once the existing \$500 jackpot is won. Tonight’s games begin at 5:30 p.m. in the community center ballroom. Call Ext. 2489.

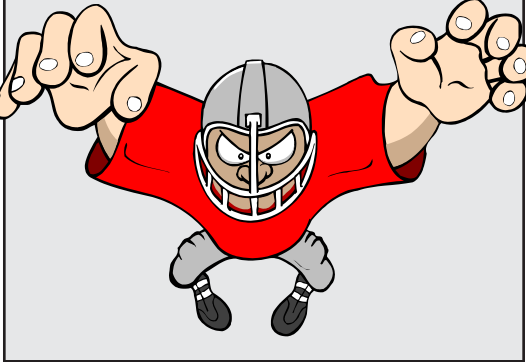
Falcons stun Utah Utes 30-26, advance to 4-0

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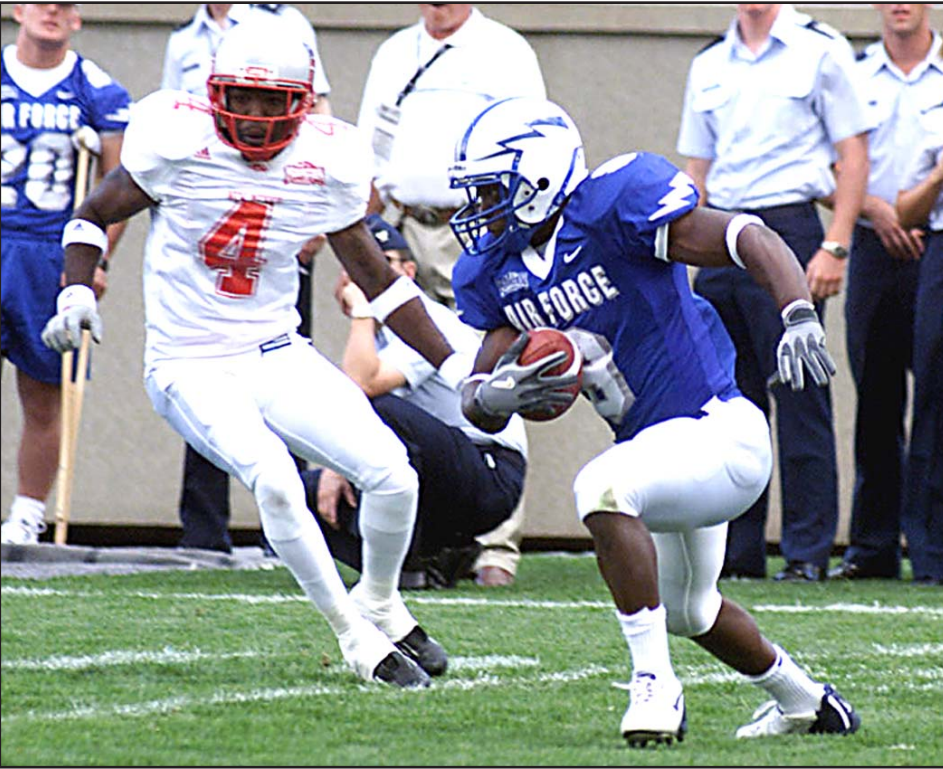
A 20-yard play-action pass from quarterback Chance Harridge to halfback Don Clark in the corner of the end zone with 17 seconds left preserved Air Force’s perfect season. Clark’s game-winning score was his second touchdown reception of the game, and marks the emergence of a passing game into the Falcons’ arsenal. The mainstay of the Falcon’s offense — the running game — accounted for the Falcons’ first points of the game, as they went up 6-0. Then the game turned disastrous for the Falcons as the Utes unleashed their latest weapon, halfback Brandon Warfield. He was only a blip on the pre-game radar screen, having carried 16 times for 32 yards in the two games since senior tailback Marty Johnson was hurt, and sitting down at third on the depth chart. Warfield had the hot hand in the first half, running right into the middle of the Air Force defense for 144 yards rushing and three touchdowns. The Utes added to their scoring carnage with a field goal and a safety from a blocked punt. That left the Falcons behind 6-26 as they headed into the locker room at halftime. However, they emerged a different team after head coach Fisher DeBerry’s halftime speech.

Flag football standings
The following are the intramural standings as of Wednesday.

Teams	Wins	Losses
48th FTS	4	0
37th FTS	3	1
14th SFS	4	2
14th OSS	2	1
14th CES	2	2
DynCorp	2	3
14th COMM	1	4
14th MSS	0	5



“To be honest, I told them if they thought they were out of it, then they were out of it,” said DeBerry. “But if you don’t think we’re out of it, then we’re going to come back and win this game. Nothing is impossible if you believe in it.” That belief manifested itself into 24 unanswered points. The Falcons comeback started with sophomore linebacker Anthony Schlegel forcing a Utah fumble on a well-timed blitz. From the turnover, Harridge hit Clark on a play-action pass for a 29-yard scoring strike. Ashcroft’s kick was good, and the Falcons narrowed the score to 13-26. Air Force continued delivering a lesson in smash-mouth football with its defense and special teams. A deflected kick by Falcons special teams led to an Ashcroft field goal, and cut the Utes’ lead to 26-16. A Utah fumble and up-the-gut running by Harridge and halfback Leotis Palmer led to an Anthony Butler touchdown, cutting the Ute’s lead to 26-23. The Falcons defense forced Utah to punt with two and a half minutes left in the game. After Palmer returned the ball to the Air Force 40 yard line, Air Force advanced the ball to the Utah 20. Once there, the Falcons coaching brain-trust called the same play that Clark scored on earlier in the game. The play duplicated its previous success, this time with a 20-yard touchdown toss from Harridge to Clark with 17 sec-



John Van Winkle

Falcon senior halfback Leotis Palmer breaks around New Mexico cornerback Brandon Gregory during a kickoff return in the Sept. 7 game against the University of New Mexico, and the Falcons won 38-31.

onds left in the game. Ashcroft’s kick moved the score 30-26. The Falcons defense batted away one last pass by Utah’s quarterback to seal the win for Air Force. The Falcons are now 4-0 and have led the Division I in rushing offense since the season started. Also, the Falcons moved up in the national rankings and are now 25th in the country on the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll and 27th on the Associated Press writers’ poll. The Falcons’ next challenge is Saturday, when Air Force hosts service academy rival Navy.

SHORTS

Ultra 3-Lady Scramble

The Whispering Pines Golf Course fills the field with 108 lady golfers Oct. 19 for its first ultra three-lady scramble. Entry is \$120 per team and includes 18-holes of golf, a cart, dinner following tournament, ditty bag and more. Tournament is limited to the first 36 teams that have registered and paid. Entry forms are available at the golf course. Deadline to enter is Saturday. Call Ext. 7932.

Commander’s challenge

This four-person scramble is scheduled for 9 a.m. Oct. 11. Each commander or vice commander must be a part of his or her team. Teams are selected by the commander from their squadron or division. Entry is \$10 for members and \$10 plus greens fees for nonmembers. The field is limited to 18 teams. Golf cart rental is extra, and a limited number of carts are available. Entry deadline is Saturday. For more information, call Ext. 7932.

Columbus AFB Flyers Varsity teams

The Columbus AFB Women’s and Men’s Basketball Teams are playing Tyndall AFB teams and Fort Benning teams Oct. 12 and

13. Game times for Oct. 12 are 5 p.m. for women’s and 7 p.m. for men’s. Game times for Oct. 13 are 9 a.m. for women’s and 11 a.m. for men’s. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Cosmic no-tap bowling

Bowlers are invited to enter this monthly no-tap tournament Oct. 18. Sign up by 6:45 p.m. Games begin at 7 p.m. Entry is \$7.50. Call Ext. 2426.

Father/son free throw contest

The youth center hosts a father/son free throw contest at 6 p.m. Oct. 25 in the gym. Age grouping will be completed prior to event. There is no deadline but all participants must register before the event starts. For more information or to register by phone call Ext. 2504.

Fitness center family day

The fitness and sports center family fitness day is Oct. 27. Children over the age of 5 years old are invited to the gymnasium area to play games while parents use the fitness center together. Sign up begins at 2 p.m. and ends at 6 p.m. Call Ext. 2772.